

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-46 and enter the following new claims 47-87:

47. (New) A method of installing a laminate wood floor over a subflooring, comprising:
providing a laminated film-foam composition including a foam sheet and a film sheet
that are laminated together, said foam sheet being a polyethylenic resin closed-cell foam having a thickness between about 0.03 to about 0.1 inches and a density of about 1 to about 5 pcf, said film sheet being a polyethylenic resin having a thickness of about 1 to about 10 mils;
placing said laminated film-foam composition over said subflooring; and
laying said laminate wood floor over said laminated film-foam composition.
48. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein, after said laying step, said laminate wood floor is a free-floating laminate wood floor.
49. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said film sheet of said laminated film-foam composition is contacting said subflooring.
50. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said film sheet of said laminated film-foam composition is contacting said laminate wood floor.
51. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said providing includes providing a roll of said laminated film-foam composition, and said placing includes unrolling said laminated film-foam composition from said roll.

52. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein said film sheet has a larger surface area than said foam sheet such that at least one edge of said film sheet extends beyond a corresponding edge of said foam sheet, said placing includes unrolling first and second distinct segments of said laminated film-foam composition from said roll and overlapping said at least one edge of said film sheet of said first segment with an adjacent film sheet of said second segment.

53. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said film sheet has a larger surface area than said foam sheet such that at least one edge of said film sheet extends beyond a corresponding edge of said foam sheet, said placing includes developing first and second distinct segments of said laminated film-foam composition and overlapping said at least one edge of said film sheet of said first segment with an adjacent film sheet of said second segment.

54. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein at least one of said film sheet and said foam sheet is low density polyethylene.

55. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said polyethylenic resin film sheet has a thickness of about 1 to about 5 mils.

56. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein at least one of said film sheet and said foam sheet is cross-linked polyethylene.

57. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein at least one of said film sheet and said foam sheet is a copolymer of ethylene and other ethylenically-unsaturated monomers having from 3 to about 8 carbon atoms.

58. (New) The method of claim 57 wherein said ethylenically-unsaturated monomers are selected from at least one of the group consisting of propylene, butenes, pentenes, and hexenes.

59. (New) The method of claim 57, wherein said ethylenically-unsaturated monomers are selected from at least one of the group consisting of vinyl acetate, vinyl chloride, acrylic acid and its esters, and methacrylic acid and its esters.

60. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein at least one of said film sheet and said foam sheet is a polyethylenic resin blended with other polymers.

61. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein said polymers are compatible with said polyethylenic resin and are selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polybutadiene, polyisoprene, polychloroprene, chlorinated polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, styrene/butadiene copolymer, vinyl acetate/ethylene copolymer, acrylonitrile/butadiene copolymer, and vinyl chloride/vinyl acetate copolymer.

62. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said polyethylenic resin of at least one of said film sheet and said foam sheet is a homopolymer or copolymer of polypropylene.

63. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said subflooring is a concrete subflooring.

64. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said film sheet and said foam sheet are laminated together with an adhesive.

65. (New) The method of claim 64, wherein said adhesive is low density polyethylene.
66. (New) The method of claim 64, wherein said film sheet and said foam sheet are laminated together with heat.
67. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein said film sheet and said foam sheet are laminated together with heat.
68. (New) A method of installing a laminate wood floor over a subflooring, comprising:
providing a laminated film-foam composition including a foam sheet and a film sheet
that are laminated together, said foam sheet being a polyethylenic resin closed-cell foam having a thickness between about 0.03 to about 0.1 inches and a density of about 1 to about 5 pcf, said film sheet being a polyethylenic resin sheet having a thickness of about 1 to about 10 mils;
placing a first segment of said laminated film-foam composition over said subflooring;
placing at least a second segment of said laminated film-foam composition over said subflooring; and
after said placing, laying said laminate wood floor over said first and second segments of said laminated film-foam composition.
69. (New) The method of claim 68, further including attaching said first segment to said second segment.
70. (New) The method of claim 69, wherein said attaching uses double-sided tape.

71. (New) The method of claim 68, further including overlaying a portion of said first segment with said second segment.
72. (New) The method of claim 68, wherein said film sheet has a larger surface area than said foam sheet such that at least one edge of said film sheet extends beyond a corresponding edge of said foam sheet, said placing said second segment includes and overlapping said at least one edge of said film sheet of said first segment with an adjacent film sheet of said second segment.
73. (New) A method of installing a laminate wood floor over a subflooring, comprising:
providing a laminated composition including a foam sheet and a film sheet, said film sheet being a polymer that provides a vapor-barrier and said foam sheet being a polymer that provides cushioning, said foam sheet and said film sheet being laminated together;
placing said laminated film-foam composition over said subflooring; and
laying said laminate wood floor over said laminated film-foam composition.
74. (New) The method of claim 73, wherein said foam sheet is a polyethylenic resin closed-cell foam.
75. (New) The method of claim 74, wherein said foam sheet has a thickness between about 0.03 to about 0.1 inches.
76. (New) The method of claim 74, wherein said foam sheet has a density of about 1 to about 5 pcf.

77. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein said film sheet is a polyethylenic resin sheet having a thickness of about 1 to about 10 mils.

78. (New) The method of claim 73, wherein said film sheet is a polyethylenic resin sheet having a thickness of about 1 to about 10 mils.

79. (New) The method of claim 73, wherein said foam sheet lacks contact with said subflooring.

80. (New) The method of claim 79, wherein said film sheet contacts said subflooring.

81. (New) The method of claim 73, wherein said foam sheet lacks contact with said laminate wood floor.

82. (New) The method of claim 81, wherein said film sheet contacts said laminate wood floor.

83. (New) A method of installing a laminate wood floor over a subflooring, comprising:
providing a roll of a laminated composition including a foam sheet and a film sheet,
said film sheet being a polymer that provides a vapor-barrier and said foam
sheet being a polymer that provides cushioning, said foam sheet and said film
sheet being laminated together;
unrolling said roll of said laminated film-foam composition over said subflooring; and
laying said laminate wood floor over said laminated film-foam composition.

84. (New) A method of claim 83, wherein said subflooring is concrete subflooring.
85. (New) A method of claim 83, wherein said subflooring is a preexisting floor.
86. (New) A method of claim 85, wherein said preexisting floor is located over a concrete subflooring.
87. (New) A method of claim 86, wherein said preexisting floor is of ceramic tile or linoleum.